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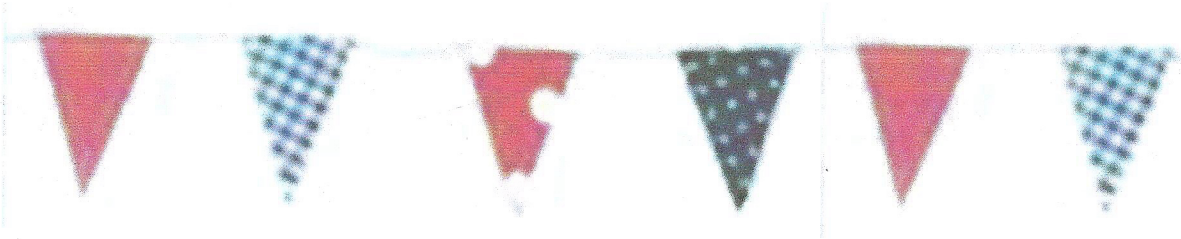

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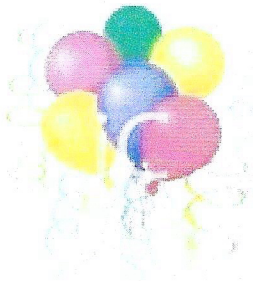

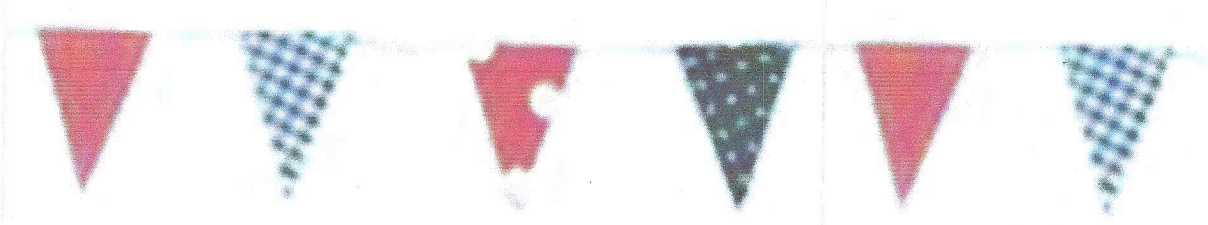

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REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN REYNOLDS

Bam Nuttall fail to meet own deadlines

A report published this month has revealed BAM Nuttall has missed their own self imposed deadlines to complete work on The Busway. Council transport bosses have made it clear to BAM Nuttall that the Council cannot accept the route with any outstanding liabilities. The contractor has paid over £6 million in damages for late delivery to date, and will continue to pay almost £14,000 a day until they complete the route to the standard specified.

Million visitors visit Cambridgeshire museums

Figures just out show more and more people are visiting Cambridgeshire Museums and last year over million people discovered the County's historic heritage

My Cambridgeshire puts communities in the click of it

A new 'My Cambridgeshire' web service is being launched to take the hassle out of **finding services and events on your doorstep.** Communities have been telling the Council that it is often confusing to find out which council or organisation does what and how to contact them. This means people are sometimes put off from using the services they need.

That is why the 'My Cambridgeshire' mapping facility has been launched on the County Council's website to make it easier for residents to find a range of local information and services, near their homes. Residents can click on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and put in their address or postcode to find out where their local County Council run services are and how to contact them. There is also information on local services provided by partner agencies, such as the NHS and District and City Councils. Also the service gives information about local community events near by.

Work at Cambridge railway station completed ahead of schedule

Work to improve public transport access at Cambridge Railway Station will be completed early. The work was part of a Cambridgeshire County Council project to create a new railway station bus interchange for all buses, including those that will use the guided busway

Engage in new free courses and events at Central Library

From knitting to creative writing - new afternoon EngAGE courses at Cambridge's Central Library have been launched to give people the chance to try a new skill or meet new friends. Every Monday between 2 pm to 4 pm there will be various courses, events, tours and talks to get everyone hooked on a new pastime.

The sessions are being run by the County Council for adults. It is part of making libraries a focal point for the community and emphasising that they do more than just lending books.

Courses include:

1st Monday of the month: Creative writing
2nd Monday of the month: Knitting group
3rd Monday of the months: Speaker event
4th Monday of the month: Reading group
4th Monday of the month; Knitting group
5th Monday of the month: Library Tour

John Reynolds
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Newsflash! Funding available.....

Grassroots Grants

Do you need funding to run a community project? Grants between £250 and £5,000 are available for local community groups and charities that have been active in their communities for at least 12 months, with an average annual income over the last 3 years of no more than £30,000. Funding can be used to contribute to general running costs, purchase small capital items or fund specific activities. **This is the last year of the Grassroots Grants scheme and to ensure all the 10/11 funding is allocated and spent within the financial year; we are offering grants to cover costs that are anticipated to be spent by 31 December 2010. The fund guidelines can be downloaded at www.cambscf.org.uk/grant-guidelines.html and applications made online at www.cambscf.org.uk/grant-applications.html** . Applications are considered on a monthly basis.

Donarbon Community Fund

There is **significant funding available** in the Donarbon Community Fund for the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity, or the conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs – you can apply to the Donarbon Community Fund for up to £20,000 towards your project. **The fund guidelines and expression of interest form can be downloaded at www.cambscf.org.uk/donarbon-fund.html . To be considered at the July panel, expressions of interest should be submitted by 30th June.** To be considered at the October panel, expressions of interest should be submitted by 30th September.

As we reach the end of the school year we celebrate a year of change and development and look forward to starting a new school year in September re-installed in our refurbished offices.

Until the end of term the school office will remain in its current position at the back of the school. Please continue to use the gate near the play park if you wish to visit the school during the school day.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were runners up in the regional heats of Kwik Cricket and qualified for the county finals which were held at Clare College on the 29th of June.

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Parish Councillors attended the Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on 18 May when Neighbourhood Watch in Bar Hill was raised, and it was felt that the Parish Council should engage with the Co-ordinators. Since Jill Smith resigned several years, the Council has lost contact with Co-ordinators. If you are a Co-ordinator could you contact the Clerk in any of the ways mentioned below with a view to perhaps meeting with some Councillors so that we can be made more aware of the work which you do, and offer support in any way that we can.

Parish Council Office (next to Octagon), Hanover Close, Bar Hill
Email bhillpc-1@btconnect.com
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Thank you for your co-operation – we look forward to hearing from you.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

In June some members went into Cambridge to watch the march past by The Anglian Regiment which is our local Regiment having been formed from the Cambridge Regiment. It was an excellent parade - everyone spick and span. Shame it was marred by protesters in Kings Parade.

Our Poppy Appeal Organiser has compiled a book of poems of the 1st World War which has been illustrated by Bar Hill Art Group. This book will be sold in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

Later this month we are having a Barbecue organised by Mr and Mrs Hubbard

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Octagon meetings room.

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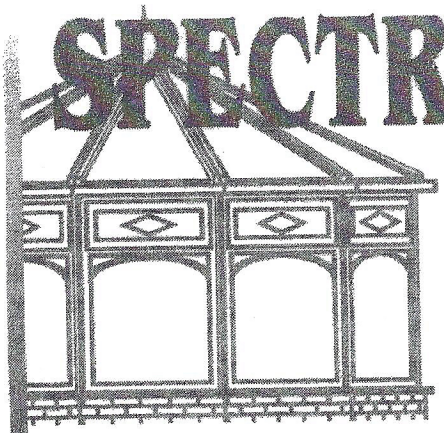

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Coffee and community

Our July coffee morning is on the first day of the month, from 10 am. Coffee mornings are often sources of helpful advice – in June there were discussions on dealing with unwanted telephone calls and those plastic bags supposedly for charities that arrive all too often. The consensus on the latter was to give unwanted goods to charities that have shops in Cambridge and use all the other bags to line your kitchen bin.

The August coffee morning will be on 5 August.

Community market

For the first time we had a stall at the Community Market in June, offering unwanted books given to the Library at bargain prices. Thank you to those who supported us. Taking part was an enjoyable experience and we may repeat it from time to time.

Libraries and the Community

Our Library is one of our village's assets. Cambridgeshire's Library and Information Service need to make huge economies, and we need to show that we value our Library. It is not difficult to do that. Don't put it off until it is too late.

- Borrow books (you can order ones not in stock free of charge).
- Use the computers (**many sites you have to pay for at home are free at the Library).**
- Come to our events.

All these things are being monitored and your use will make a difference.

The first stage of economising on a library is to cut the opening hours. That must be avoided because it leads to reduced use and a threat of closure. Remember that losing our Library could mean that we lose our Post Office.

Membership of your Friends group is highly regarded by decision makers as it shows that you value your Library. If you were a Friend in 2009 and have not renewed your subscription, you will have had a reminder recently. If you have never been a Friend (or used to be some years ago), the committee urges you to join us by filling in a form at the Library and paying a modest subscription of 50p a month to the end of the year (65p a month for a family). As well as helping our Library that will give you some concessions.

BIN COLLECTION DATES

7 July	Green bin and boxes
14 July	Black bin
21 July	Green bin and boxes
28 July	Black bin
4 August	Green bin and boxes

Sports and Social Club

The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in high definition, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a quiet drink in our conservatory bar. Visit our website for the latest news, ww.bhssc.org.uk

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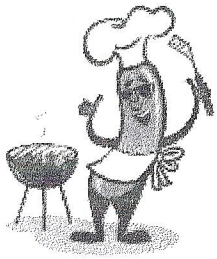

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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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BAR HILL COLTS F.C

Summer is here, the World Cup has started and the Bar Hill Colts kid's activity afternoon and presentation evening were supported by a good crowd and suitably warm and sunny weather. Thanks to everyone that came along to support the event, the kids and the club as well as all the people that helped to organise, set-up and make the day a success. A good crowd stayed on to watch England play the USA on the big screen, among them a very vocal bunch of children who helped to provide a real football ground atmosphere to the evening – well done kids! Jon Leggett (U9s) was the lucky winner of a tub of chocolates and a football, picking the correct time in the kid's world cup sweepstake. The evening was primarily about recognising and awarding the kids for their efforts and achievements throughout the season, so here are the results of all the trophies awarded…

U7's - Bar Hill Foxes
Manager's Player: Joe Playle
Player's Player: Thomas Cheesley
Most Improved: Miles Harvey

U8's - Bar Hill Bullets
Player's Player: Tommy Tyrell
Parent's Player: Dan Cundy
Manager's Player: Zak Yorke

U9's - Bar Hill Ravens
Parent's Player: Erin Fox
Most Improved: Luke Shanahan
Player's Player: Ali Rees
Manager's Player: James Debono

U10's - Bar Hill Eagles
Player's Player: Toby Purton
Parent's Player: Ollie Begley
Asst Manager's Player: Kieran Yorke
Manager's Player: Teegan Hayden-Smith

U11's – Bar Hill Bombers
Best Player: Ollie Fisher
Most Improved Player: Ben Fairbrass
Clubman: Josh Virgo
Best Attitude: Sam Andrews

U11 Girls – Bar Hill All-Stars
Player's Player: Erin Szembel
Spectator's Choice: Emily Christmas
Most Improved: Grace Cooper

U12's - Bar Hill
Player's Player: Taylor Sparkes
Parent's Player: Jack Humphreys
Best Attitude: Adam Cheesley
Manager's Choice: Ryan Davenport

U13's - Bar Hill Raiders
Player of the Year: Billy Pridgeon
Most Improved Player: Maail Afaal
Clubman: James Turner
Best Attitude: Alasdair Richardson

U14's – Bar Hill Rangers
Player's Player: Tom Lewin
Parent's Player: Luke Thomas
Manager's Player: Matt Childs
Most Improved: Dan Virgo
Clubman: Ben Loraine

U14 Girls – Bar Hill Spitfires
Player's Player: Ellie Hart
Manager's Player: Amy Hancock
Most Improved: Helena Davis
Spectator's Player: Nicole Brown & Hayley Stevens

U17's – Bar Hill Jets
Player's Player: Jack Clark
Manager's Player: Dom Gedny

Club Awards

Team of the Year: U11s - Bar Hill Bombers, managed by Steve Andrews & Ollie Barnard
Manager of the Year: Linda Ogilvie (U14 Girls)
Clubman of the Year: Ian Pryke (U13s)

A Big Well Done…

Congratulations to The Bar Hill Bombers (U11s) who, through completing an unbeaten season, won the League Championship in the 2009/10 Barry Kempton 9v9 - Division B. Steve Andrews was presented the trophy by Jim Hill from the Cambridgeshire FA.

A Big Thank-you…

I would like to re-iterate, on behalf of the managers of all the Bar Hill Colts team's, a big thank-you to all the parents, helpers and referees who support, help the teams and make the whole experience much more than just a bunch of kids kicking a football around the park on a weekend. The managers and coaches find the help in preparing the pitches, running the tea-stalls and raising funds invaluable, thank-you.

All-Stars @ Cambs FA Festival

The All-Stars entered two teams (pink & orange) into this 7v7 tournament. Both teams played really well showing grit and determination particularly the orange team who grew in confidence throughout the day, holding strong teams Haverhill and Peterborough to goalless draws. The pink team also did really well, reaching the semi-finals only to see a fantastic long range shot bounce off the inside of the post and away from the goal. Sadly the girls lost 1-0 in extra time against Sprowston FC, a strong team from Norfolk who were runners up in their local league. A thoroughly enjoyable and well supported day which showed all the girls how much their football has developed in their first season as a team. Well done girls!!

Foxes Football Festival – Part 2

The second weekend's fixtures had Bar Hill once again up against Whittlesford. **Charlie Parker** came close to breaking his scoring duck and goals from **Ollie Andrews** and **Nik Ahyaee** gave the Foxes a 2-0 win. The second game against Witchford saw Bar Hill straight on the attack but conceding a goal against the run of play to go 1-0 down. They were soon back level after a good move finished by **Thomas Cheesley**. Another good game from **Kieran Marsh** in midfield and **Joe Playle** in defence meant they never looked like conceding a second. Bar Hill were given a free-kick and with the last kick of the game **Thomas Cheesley** blasted his shot in off the crossbar to make it 2-1. Against a good Isleham team Bar Hill were sadly well beaten 3-0. **Miles Harvey** made some fine saves, playing behind a new defensive partnership of **Nik Ahyaee** and **Archie Peterson**. His goal kicks almost setting up **John Cornwell** to score. A more disciplined defensive display from **David Taylor-Stratton** helped the Foxes keep a clean sheet in their final game of the Festival against Littleport. The highlight of the game, and the day, was the Foxes fantastic attacking display. **Reece Flatts**, who was unlucky not to score after showing amazing close control, combined well with **Thomas Cheesley** and **Kieran Marsh** who scored one a piece to make it 2-0. A great game, topping off a great festival.

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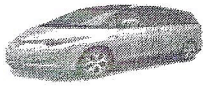

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Thank you for all your support.

Maple Surgery Patient Participation Group

The inaugural meeting of the Maple PPG (patient participation group) will be held on **TUESDAY 20th JULY at 6 pm in the Octagon Centre.** Any patients interested in establishing the Group are very welcome to attend. Full details of the aims of the group, commitment and future meeting dates will be discussed at the first meeting.

MAPLE SURGERY NEWS

Maple Surgery – Caring for our Carers

The Surgery is keen to support people who care for others, either on a formal or informal basis and appreciate the often unrecognised vital role that Carers play. The Practice is working collaboratively with the Primary Care Trust and local care organisations to provide support for those who care for other people, be that relative, friend or neighbour. The project is known at the 'Carers Prescription Service' where people in need of help and support in their caring role can be referred for respite, funding or other appropriate services. The Practice is keen to develop a Carers Register so that those people who are registered at the Surgery can receive the support they need and deserve. Further details are available at the Surgery.

Staff Changes

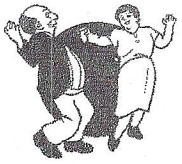
The Surgery are delighted to announce the arrival of a new GP, Dr Susan Gillard who started working at the Practice in the early part of June. Some patients will already have met Dr Gillard who has been appointed to work 3 days per week at the Practice. The GP Partners will continue to deliver surgeries at the Maple Surgery on a rotational basis, with a plan that they will be there at least one day per week.

Many patients are already aware of the changes at the Surgery – not least the change of name from Bar Hill Health Centre to Maple Surgery. This decision was made to mark a fresh beginning for Primary Care Services for Bar Hill residents.

At the time of going to press, applications are being received for a Health Care Assistant to support the nursing team. Amongst other things, this role will include taking blood, heart tracings, wound management and urine testing. Further changes to the nursing team include the appointment of an Advanced Nurse Practitioner who is fully trained and qualified to carry out a wide range of procedures and consultations, looking after patients with stable chronic diseases and minor illnesses and she is also able to prescribe medication to patients.

Practice Leaflet

By the time this goes to press, the Surgery Leaflet will have been updated and we also plan to issue a quarterly Newsletter to keep our patients informed on changes and improvements to the Primary Care GP Services at Maple Surgery.



HAPPY HOURS

Our speaker from the Bobby Scheme came with lots and lots of locks, catches and alarms, and much information. This scheme, originated by the High Sheriff and the Police, is open to anyone over 65 especially those who have been burgled, but for a small fee they will visit any pensioner with advice and fit extra security to their home. This ranged from small personal alarms, handbag alarms to door chains and window locks. We all felt a lot better informed and many are on the waiting list. Some of our members have already received their expert attention.

To celebrate the spring Bank Holiday we had a free in-house raffle for some lovely plants.

It was hoped we might be able to arrange a trip to the National Arboretum in conjunction with the British Legion but at the moment take up is slow. For those busy people our Christmas Lunch has been booked for 13th December at the Menzies Moat House.

Helen Collins
782203

Please note that there are a lot of people turning up at various addresses in Bar Hill asking if you need your hedge cutting or your garden doing. They may also say they are checking if you are in the right gas and electricity tariff. In these cases if you have not booked with them to come around your house try and catch their name, see if you can remember what they are wearing to describe them, the most important thing to try and get their index vehicle number and report it on 0345 456 456 4.

Football Project

The pitch is available to hire in the evenings . The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volleyball and multi sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Julie Marin on 781838.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson	Alan Hewings
Secretary	Paul Thorby
Treasurer	Jairo Marin

The Allotment Society

Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce can be put on our waiting list for membership. Please contact Keith Morris on 782441.

Any other allotment matters should be addressed to bhallotment@hotmail.com

Summer Reading Challenge at Bar Hill Library

This summer, take a giant leap into the final frontier - at Bar Hill library. Join Space Hop, and we'll help get your kids hooked on books! Space Hop is this year's Summer Reading Challenge for children. The Summer Reading Challenge is an interactive experience that children love to take part in over the holidays. It gets them into libraries and gives them the confidence they need to choose their own books and take their reading to the next stage. For many children, the Summer Reading Challenge is just the incentive they need to turn them into readers for life.

<u>How do I sign my child up?</u>

Just head to Bar Hill library. Staff will enrol your children - it's completely free of charge - and every child will receive a foldout poster and membership card. There are stickers and bookmarks to collect too.

<u>What books can my children read?</u>

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children of all ages and reading abilities. They can read any books they like - fact books, stories, joke books, picture books - it's up to them. Audio books count too! As long as you're borrowing them from the library, they all count. All Cambridgeshire libraries will offer special sessions where children can talk to staff about the books they have been reading and enjoying.

<u>Is there a reward for completing the challenge?</u>

All children who read at least 6 books during the summer will receive a Space Hop medal and certificate at special presentation ceremonies.

For further information and details of special summer activities and events please contact Bar Hill library

Opening Hours

Monday	10 am -12.30 pm	2.30 - 5.30 pm
Tuesday		2.30 - 5.30 pm
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8 o'clock Club

The 8 o'clock Club meets at 8 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the school at Bar Hill during term time. Our programme for the half year is as follows:

1 July – Christopher and Janet South

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us or come for a visit please come along to one of our meetings where we would be very pleased to see you. If you prefer to have a chat about the Club please telephone Barbara (204171) or Adela (204265)

Bar Hill Community Market

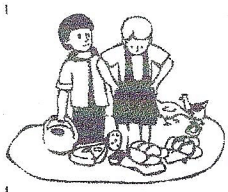
Saturday 10th July

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Octagon
We will have a BBQ available
(weather permitting)
Homemade produce and crafts - Refreshments

Tables are £5 if you wish to join us
Contact for bookings Karen Austen 01954 781085

There will be no market in August but we will be back for Saturday 4th September



Bar Hill Childminders

If you are thinking of going back to work or would just like to have a bit of time to yourself, then why not leave your child in a friendly family environment with a Childminder who is Ofsted registered, fully insured and First Aid trained. Childminders offer a wide range of activities including trips out to local toddler groups and parks, arts and crafts, music, stories and much much more. If you would like to find out more you can call any of the childminders listed below or just come along to our Coffee and Kids session on Thursday mornings between 9.45 am and 11.15 am.

CHILDMINDERS WITH CURRENT VACANCIES:-

Debbie (Tues, Wed, Thurs)	201739
Terri (from Sept)	780458
Kirsten Cox – see below	202228
(Mon,Tues,Thurs from April 0-5yrs – 8am-6pm)	
Melanie	204496
Kirsten Goodfield	200228

COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am. The price of £2 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 201739 for more details.

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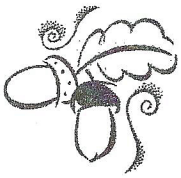

Little Acorns Pre-school.

Little Acorns is situated in the SPARC building next door to the primary school. We are open every day, both morning and afternoon. A lunch club session is also available each day. Our opening times are 9-11.30 am and 12.30- 3 pm. Children may attend from their second birthdays.

We provide a variety of learning experiences, both indoor and out. Children are encouraged to be creative, and to explore and investigate the things in their world. All of our staff hold a childcare qualification and are trained in first aid and child protection.

We offer a 'places for all' policy. Every year we offer free or subsidised places to a number of families. If you feel that you would like to speak to us about this, we would love to hear from you. Please phone Sally on 201074 or drop in anytime. If you would like to book sessions please ring Gail on 203229 or on our pre-school number 07851803083.

We will be holding regular open days at the start of each term for our new starters (who will receive an invitation nearer the time). If you are interested in coming to look around too, please phone us to book your place, or if you would like us to send you some information and a registration form. Alternatively you may prefer to e-mail us at s.gedny@ntlworld.com

Hiring the rooms

The pre-school room is available to hire for parties and functions. The current charge is £7.50 per hour (a minimum charge applies). Booking forms are available in the lobby area or by calling Janine on 07879613731.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR is a countrywide network of autonomous groups of lively minded women. We promote friendship and self confidence, share ideas, discuss topics, listen to speakers and enjoy social events.

3rd July - Antiques and Anecdotes (only if you have pre-booked)
8th July - What do you remember of 50 years ago? Music, food, clothes etc – what did it mean to you? Venue: Kaye's
17th July (Saturday) - Summer Social – Members only
Venue: Marie-The
24th July - Gold –Talk about anything gold and bring along any favourite/unusual pieces of jewellery, food, plants, music etc.
Venue: to be confirmed.
5th August - Technology – Do you embrace modern technology or does it pass you by? What is the best piece of technology developed in the last 50 years? Venue: Jane's

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1 per meeting to cover costs. All women are welcome. If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Marie-Therese Last on 780329 or Kaye Fuller on 782403. NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk,: why not have a look!

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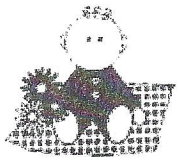

Come along to our under 1's group for chat, meet other parents and refreshments.

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WHAT'S ON?

1	Coffee Morning - Library
1	8 o'clock Club - School
3	THE FÊTE - Village Green
3	NWR - Antiques/Anecdotes
8	NWR - 50 years ago
9	Supper - Longstanton (Swavesey and Over Conservation Society)
10	Community Market
11	Family Fun - Church
12	Residents' Association meets PC Office
15	PC meets - PC Office
17	NWR - Summer Social (Members)
20	Patient Participation Group (inaugural meeting) - Octagon
21	Police Surgery - PC Office
22	Royal British Legion meets - Octagon
24	NWR - Gold
25	Conservative BBQ - 4 Hollytrees

Plenty of food and entertainment.

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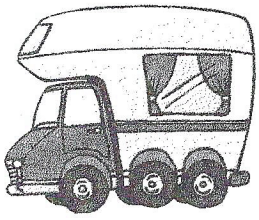

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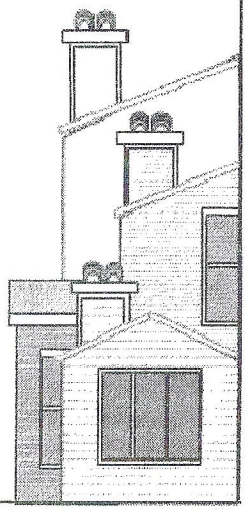

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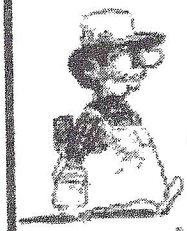

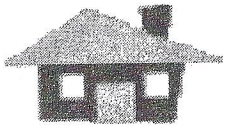

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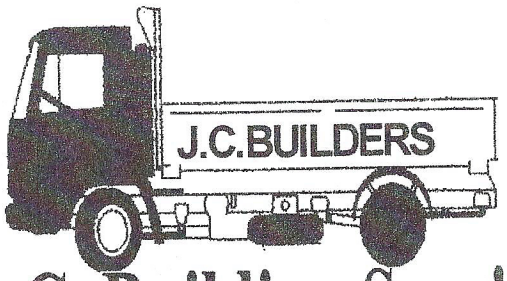

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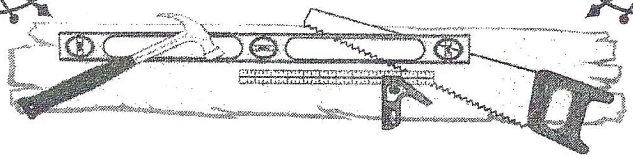

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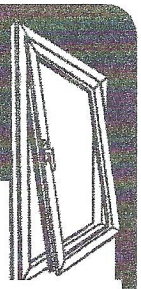

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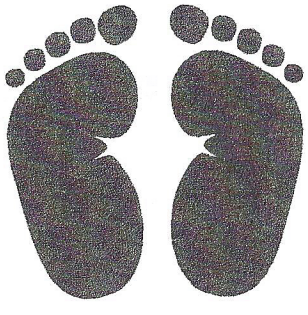

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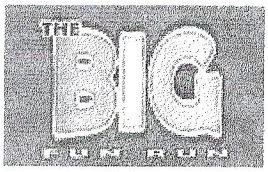
Bourn to Run 2010



Calling all runners, young and old, fast and slow, fighting fit or cracking apart at the seams. It's time to dust off those trainers and prepare for action.
Bourn and its surrounding area will again echo to the sound of pounding feet in 2010 as 'Bourn to Run' returns on **Sunday September 26**.
There are two runs to choose from – 10 km or 3 km – depending on levels of spirit, fitness, ambition or boundless enthusiasm. Both events will take place on an improved multi-terrain course through beautiful scenery, starting at Bourn Sports Pavilion at 10.30 am. There will be medals and goodie bags for all runners.
Last year's stunning debut raised £5,000 for the Bourn School swimming pool fund and 2010's proceeds will be split between equipment for the school and new facilities for teenagers at the village recreation ground.

You can register online at www.fabian4.co.uk with early bird discounts for anyone entering before July 31. Further details can be found at www.bournschool.co.uk/bourntorun. For donations or sponsorship information head to http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/bournschool.

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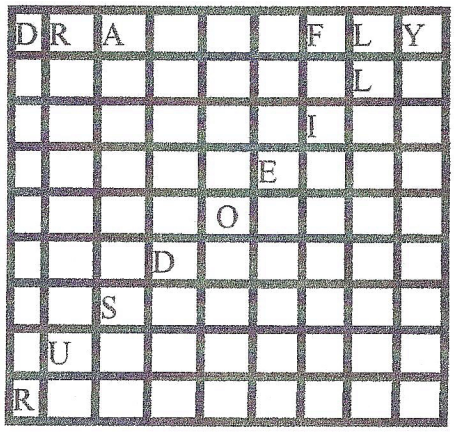

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This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

For all you regular walkers out there
The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Dog Fouling
Once again, I have had many residents complaining that dog owners are not clearing up after their dogs, especially on the village green. This is an area for everybody to enjoy so please pick up after your dogs.

Police Surgery
Now that we have a new PCSO, the surgeries will resume on the **third Wednesday of every month** between 10 am and midday. If you have any concerns please come along and meet the PCSO, who will be happy to help.

Noise Issues
Now that the evenings are longer, lighter and getting warmer I would ask residents to be considerate to others with noise from stereo systems etc that can have a diverse affect on those around you. I have had several residents from different locations complaining about the noise coming from open windows and doors and I am sure they would appreciate it if noise levels could be kept down to a minimum.

Parish Council Meetings
The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15th July at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
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VILLAGE HALL

To book or contact us at the village hall, please telephone 01954 782414 and leave a message and we will call you back or, e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com
During the week we have all the following groups and clubs.

Mon	Helene Jones Dance	3.15-9 pm
Helene's class is run in school term times only		
Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Wed	Honey's School of Performing Arts (NEW)	3.45 –6.45 pm
Wed	Aerobics	6.45-9.00 pm
RC Fitness class (NEW)		8 – 9.30 pm
Thurs	Children's Martial Arts	4.00-5.00 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	7.00-8.00 pm
Fri	Martial Arts	5-9.00 pm
Sun	Martial Arts	10 am-12 noon
Sun	Bingo	7.30-9.30 pm

Carol Griffin

Bar Hill Scouts

Bar Hill Scouts are once again growing and going from strength to strength. So far this year, our numbers have grown from 9 to 13, with a good mix of boys and girls, and the Scouts have already taken part in a local incident hike organised by Cambridge University Scouters and Guiders, the County Activity Competition at Mepal Outdoor Centre, an afternoon getting a try at fishing, a day spent on a white water canoe run in Bedfordshire, and are looking forward to their summer camp, a County Camp in September, packed with activities, and their usual busy Scout meetings, putting up tents, learning how to map read, and doing all those things that Scouts do.

Should your son and/or daughter be interested in trying Scouting, please either come and visit us at the Scout Hut, by the Village Hall, about 7.30 pm on a Tuesday, or contact the leader to find out more.

We also have a Beaver and Cub pack, which currently meets in the school from 6 pm on a Monday. Although they do not have quite the number of outside events as the Scouts, they have a full and active programme within their meetings, plenty of games and lots of fun.

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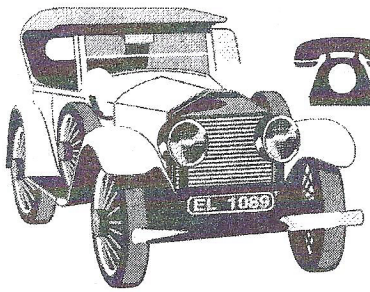

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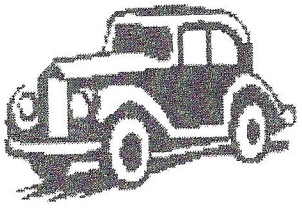

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David Fletcher is our headline-maker of the last month as he notched three half-centuries in as many matches, all of them undefeated.

After his 56 not out in our first match of the season, covered in last month's edition, Fletcher hit 70 not out against Burrough Green II and 62 not out against Milton III, with both matches resulting in victories for the second team.

Peter Howard added 59 and **Jim Neal** 36 against Burrough Green as Bar Hill made 263 for 6, before **Martin Haslop's** haul of 5 for 54 helped dismissed the opposition for 153.

The margin of victory against Milton was 54 runs, with **Stuart Lambert** making 38 in Bar Hill's 185 for 4 before Milton were bowled out for 131. **Jim Orvis** and **Barry Driver** took three wickets apiece.

Jim's dad **Phil Orvis** showed his skills with five wickets away to Dullingham II to bowl out the hosts for 99. He then made a vital 21 not out, and Lambert hit 36, to steer Bar Hill to victory and put them second in the league.

Meanwhile, the first team enjoyed victories over Burrough Green and Barley in the past month.

Although bowled out for 115 against Burrough Green, **Priyal Perera's** bowling spell of 6 for 25 turned the match in Bar Hill's favour, with Burrough Green bowled out for only 60.

Sam Wilson took three wickets and Perera hit 43 in a two-wicket win over Barley, with calm batting by Jim Orvis and **Nathan Dean** proving pivotal.

However, the match at Madingley resulted in a seven-wicket defeat, despite **Pip Dickinson** hitting 38.

There was defeat too in the 20-20 cup, at the hands of Senior League One side Cambridge St Giles, with Bar Hill managing 121 all out in response to the hosts' 198 for 2.

In the 20-20 friendly against Girton, **Tom Page** took three wickets and Peter Howard hit 30, but it was not enough to prevent defeat.

Better fortune against The Dobblers, who were beaten thanks to five wickets for **Simon Smith** and Howard's innings of 47.

The third team have been frustrated, with lack of numbers among either our own ranks or the opposition resulting in matches being called off. However, the win awarded to Bar Hill in one such case did at least provide us with 20 points.

Off the pitch, **adult nets** take place on **Wednesdays** at Cottenham Village College between 6.30 and 8 pm.

Finally, although writing this before the day, thanks to everyone who availed themselves of our barbecue at the village fête.

For more information about all our activities, visit **www.barhillcricket.org.uk** or call me on the number below.

Upcoming fixtures at the village green:
Sat July 10: Elsworth II (second XI, league)
Sat July 17: Matfield Green (first XI, friendly)
Sun July 18: Elmdon (friendly)
Sat July 24: Burrough Green II (second XI, league)
Sat July 31: Girton II (second XI, league)
Sat Aug 7: Madingley (first XI, league)

Paul Stimpson
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We are registered with OSTED: this enables parents/ guardians who are eligible, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. We are also able to accept childcare vouchers eg Fair Care and Busy Bees.

Our opening hours are:
Term Time 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday to Friday
School Holidays 8.15 – 6 pm Monday to Friday

Our fees are:
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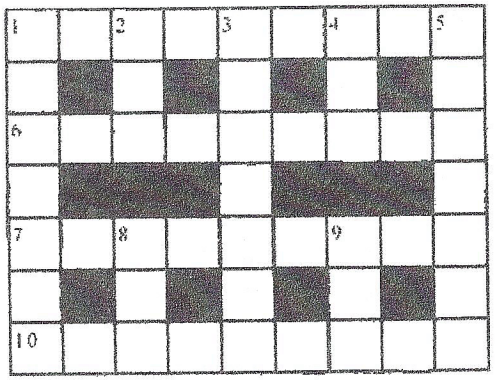
Patsie Ostler

Answers for June:

Across: 1. shamrocks, 6. Echeveria, 7. Canaveral, 10. regularly.

Down: 1. Spencer, 2. ash, 3. revival, 4. car, 5. Stanley, 8. nag, 9. RRR



Clues for July:

Across: 1. nimble, 6 and 8 down prison reformer, 7. link up with, 10. revenes.

Down: 1. Peter ---- French philosopher 1079-1142, 2. work injury, 3. fighter, 4. equal, neck decoration, 5. exercise books, 8. see 6 across, 9. pseudonym

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for July 2010

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sermon series on the book of Ephesians

Sun 4th	10 am	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 11th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
	3 pm	Family fun (particularly for year 2 and under)
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 18th	10 am	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Quiet Prayer
Wed 21st	10 am	Holy Communion
Sun 25th	10 am	All Age Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

A Roman Catholic service on Saturday evenings at 6 pm

People to contact:

The minister: Rev Ruth Adams Tel: 01954 789369
Church Centre Manager: Tel/Fax: 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-10.30)
.Websitewww.barhillchurch.org.uk

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs Hills Road, Cambridge (The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

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Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

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The aim of Bar Hill Pre-School is to provide high quality care and education by focusing on each individual child's ability, encouraging their development through the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our main emphasis is learning through play and the Every Child Matters. Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED. Our Key Person and Key Person Buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of each individual child through planning their own individual educational plan and next steps.

Session Times

Village Hall

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00 (rising five's)
Wednesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00

Church Centre

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Wednesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 – 3.00 (rising five's)

We offer a lunch club daily 11.30 - 12.30 at both settings

Early Years Funding

We can offer your child 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Subsidised places

We offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from the Busy Bee scheme.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday—Village Hall Setting

This is for children up to 5 years old including babies. We have lots of fun and a large selection of indoor/outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's Sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 for the Village Hall setting or 07932482965 for the Church Centre setting during session times or feel free to pop in and see us at both settings. Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

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Each household in the UK produces on average over a tonne of household waste every year, with around 80% of this going to landfill and unfortunately there is a finite amount of land to fill!

There has been a big push on recycling and we are learning to recycle our papers and bottles etc and yet around 60% of the waste that goes into the ground in Cambridgeshire could have been recycled.

However, recycling is only part of the solution to the waste crisis facing all of us. In fact reducing and re-using is the best option, where possible.

For example, much of what we buy comes in completely unnecessary packaging and on average a whopping **16%** of the money you spend on a product pays for its packaging, which just gets thrown away. Here are some ideas for cutting back on your everyday waste:

- ☺ Buy loose fruit and vegetables. Most of us have now purchased re-useable bags, but then fill them with bags of apples, potatoes and wrapped cucumbers etc
- ☺ Petition your local supermarket to work with their suppliers to reduce the amount of unnecessary packaging for their products – after all, we are paying for it
- ☺ Buy recycled office supplies (and encourage your workplace to do the same) – it takes 70% less energy to produce recycled paper than paper produced from raw materials
- ☺ Reduce the amount of disposable items you buy, such as tissues
- ☺ Take a mug and glass to work instead of using throw-away cups
- ☺ Take a bottle to the gym instead of using throw-away cups
- ☺ Donate rather than dump an item (if it is still good quality) such as clothes, kitchenware or books

Go to http://www.scambs.gov.uk/BinCollection/default.htm for more information about recycling in Bar Hill.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ROGER HALL AND BUNTY WATERS

RECYCLING NEWS

From October 2010, South Cambridgeshire District Council is changing the way it collects your recyclable waste by replacing the existing green box scheme with a blue wheeled bin, which comes with a specially designed inner caddy to keep paper separate from everything else.

What will I be able to recycle in the new blue bin and inner caddy?

Same as the green box, but with additional materials:

- New - Mixed plastic (pots, tub and, trays)
- New - Cartons (tetra packs)
- Cans (steel and aluminium)
- Paper - placed in the inner caddy
- Cardboard (changed from the green bin)
- Glass
- Plastic bottles
- Aluminium foil

Why does paper need to be kept in a separate caddy?

Paper is very valuable. If we can keep it separate from all the other recycling it's worth a lot more money. This helps reduce the cost of the new scheme.

How to report an abandoned vehicle

We will accept reports from the members of the public, the police or owners of land, regarding vehicles abandoned on the highway, private roads, private property or council managed property. The following information will be required in order to proceed;

Your name, address and telephone number will be requested together with details of:

- Location of vehicle
- Colour
- Registration number
- Make and model
- General condition
- The length of time the vehicle has been at the site
- whether it is displaying a current tax disc and if so its expiry date

You will also be asked if you know who the owner of the land is where the vehicle is situated and if you know who might be the last owner of the car (or who left it there).

- Call 03450 450 063
- report it online www.scambs.gov.uk
- email env.health@scambs.gov.uk

Please contact us for further information

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Cambridge Open Studios 2010

This perennial event in the Cambridge calendar, in its 36th year, is now totally self-funded by the artists. A magnificent new website has been set up (www.camopenstudios.co.uk), and you can still pick up your familiar yellow guide from Bar Hill library.

This treasure hunt of artists' studios is a rich and rewarding experience. In town, and tucked away in surrounding villages, you will find an incredible array of talents and mediums. You can just browse, or benefit from buying direct. We delight in sharing our passion and dedication with you; each year I gain a great deal of insight and input from my visitors. Students are welcome.

Please may I encourage you to visit the country cousins of the very well attended town artists; many village artists are driven to exhibit in town, but this destroys the ethos of Open Studio. You can plan a great day out wandering from village to village looking for the yellow flags (and some very nice village pubs as well) having checked out studios that interest you via the website. Modest affairs like mine, with artwork tucked away in every nook and cranny, beautiful houses and gardens with separate studios; the variety is immense, and you can take your pick.

A major event for me this year was winning Round 3 of the Saatchi Showdown 6 against international competition, the only British painter in the final; four artists achieved ratings of over 7 and I was one. Thanks for your support. My painting is with the Saatchi Gallery in London; visit Saatchi Gallery Showdown online to see my work among the Showdown Round Winners. Alternatively, visit my website, www.liamelia.com.

I've developed a range of original beadwork designs; come and see. I'm open weekends 2 and 3.

Enjoy!

Lia Melia

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